

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [019] of the specification as follows:

[019] Fig. 2 illustrates an exploded view of a lock mechanism 26 that can be employed with awning assembly 14 in accordance with an aspect of the present invention. The lock mechanism 26 includes a pivot bracket 28 located between the roller 20 and one of the support arms 22. The pivot bracket 28 has an angular shape with first and second mounting apertures 30 and 32 located at opposing end portions of the bracket 28. The first mounting aperture 30 is employed to couple the pivot bracket 28 to the support arm 22 in a non-rotatable manner; while the second mounting aperture 32 is employed to rotatably couple the pivot bracket 28 to a weather shield 34 via a pivot rod 36. The weather shield 34 is provided around at least a portion of the roller 20 to protect the awning 18 from environmental effects. Additionally, a third mounting aperture 38 can be located between the first and second apertures 30 and 32 to couple the pivot bracket 28 to the roller 20 ~~in a non-rotatable manner~~ to allow the roller 20 to rotate without any rotation of the pivot bracket 28.